Daily Glacier Access Update

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Franz Josef Glacier Valley

Franz Josef Glacier Access Road: Open, but caution required due to roadworks
Viewpoint: 2000m from the terminal face
Walking Time: 30 minutes return
Track conditions in the valley today: Good

Fox Glacier South Side Walk

Viewpoint: 2600m from the terminal face
Walking time: 2 hours return
Track conditions today: Good, but caution required due to machinery operating in the area.

Note: Heed all warning signs and never cross barriers.

These hazards are always present in the glacier valleys:

- Flooding: Rain can cause streams to rise rapidly with little warning. Sudden flooding can drown you or strand you in the riverbed. Stay on the track.
- River surge: Ice dams may suddenly release large amounts of water. Sudden river surge can drown you. Do not go beyond the barrier.
- Ice fall: Ice blocks larger than a campervan fall from the glacier daily. Ice fall can seriously injure or kill you. Do not go beyond the barrier.
- Rock fall: Rocks fall from the glacier and valley walls daily. Even small rocks can seriously injure or kill you. Stay on the track.

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